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Why I should be mayor

Two leading candidates for city's top job state their positions

By Gregor Robertson

Vision Vancouver candidate

It's time for a change in Vancouver — because the huge problems facing our city need strong leadership and action.

From growing homelessness, unaffordable housing, lack of crime prevention to no public accountability when the city guarantees nearly $200 million in Olympic Village costs, it's clear that the Non-Partisan Association council majority has failed.

NPA mayoral candidate Peter Ladner would give Vancouver more of the same policies as NPA Mayor Sam Sullivan — they agreed on every major issue.

Vision Vancouver offers a positive approach that will bring solutions, not excuses, to our city's challenges.

Take homelessness — just walk around our city and you will see that after three years of NPA government there are more homeless people than ever. Ending homelessness takes strong leadership but there has been no action from Peter Ladner.

Vision Vancouver will use the successful approach of Portland, Calgary and New York to create an action plan with a commitment to end homelessness by 2015.

The high cost of housing is another challenge facing Vancouver. But the NPA has failed to protect or create affordable housing.

Peter Ladner even removed affordable housing from the Olympic Village — and now taxpayers may pay millions for Ladner's mistake.

Prevent crime? Ladner and the NPA twice rejected police requests for more officers.

On Nov. 15 voters should ask — is Vancouver better after three years of NPA government?

It's time for positive change at City Hall. Please vote Vision Vancouver, COPE and Green for mayor, council, school and park board.

By Peter Ladner

NPA candidate

I am running for mayor to bring my experience and integrity to tackling the big issues we are facing, and making the most of our remarkable opportunities.

During the past week, Vancouverites have been inundated with sensationalist media reports about city council's unanimous 'in-camera' decision to guarantee $100 million in loans to enable us to meet our 2003 commitment to complete the Athlete's Village on time.

I fully understand the public's concern about city spending and transparency in these difficult economic times. But imagine trying to get a good deal bargaining to sell your car if you went into the media in advance and announced how much you would accept.

Two former mayors, Larry Campbell (the founder of Vision) and Philip Owen, have defended the NPA's position on this issue as the only way to protect the city's interests.

When you cast your vote on Saturday, reflect on our Action Plan:

- to increase safety for everyone in the city,
- to add to the 3,800 units of social and supportive housing already under construction to reduce homelessness by 50 per cent by 2010,
- to make our city a beacon of sustainability and energy efficiency,
- to make this city more affordable,
- to attract and keep well-paying jobs, especially those in the creative sector.

Help me and the NPA team bring all the diverse communities in our city together to make the most of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Together, let's get it done.

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Interest in tomorrow's election high

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MUNICIPAL If advanced polling numbers are any indication of public interest in tomorrow's civic election, Vancouverites could be turning out in droves.

Paul Hancock, deputy chief electoral officer, said yesterday that 15,188 Vancouverites voted in advanced polls over four days, up from 8,763 in the 2005 election.

"It's fair to say there's more public interest in this election than in the previous election, and that shows in the numbers," he said.

Hancock added that other factors are also likely contributing to the higher numbers.

"We had four (advance) voting locations (last election), and in 2008 there were five," he said, adding that this year people did not need to give a reason to vote in advance.

Polling stations will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at more than 140 locations.

Voters will choose one mayor, 10 councillors, seven park commissioners and nine school trustees, as well as decide whether to allow the City to borrow money for major construction projects.

If you don't have a registered voter's card, bring two pieces of identification like a driver's licence or utility bill.

For information on where to vote visit vancouver.ca/vote.

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Results of tomorrow's civic election will be posted online starting at 8:30 p.m. Results will be updated every five to seven minutes until 10:30 p.m. when the winners are expected to be announced. Visit vancouver.ca/vote for results. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Second-greenest in Canada

Vancouver is Canada's second greenest city to get around in, behind only Victoria, according to a survey by UBC's Sauder School of Business. The report graded cities on 17 criteria, including the percentage of people who bike or ride transit to work as well as how many buses and taxis use hybrid power or alternate fuel. Ottawa-Gatineau was third, followed by Montreal and Toronto. METRO VANCOUVER

Close during Games, VANOC urges businesses

MARIA COOTAUCO
for Metro Vancouver

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

Vancouver Olympic Game organizers put out a call yesterday for local businesses to shift business hours and donate paid staff to the Olympic cause.

"We recognize it won't be for everybody," said VANOC CEO John Furlong after unveiling a list of 10 things businesses can do to contribute to a successful 2010 Olympic Games. "We're saying if you can help us, please do."

The committee's suggestions to businesses centred on ways to help reduce the amount of traffic on the roads during the Olympics. They include:

- Giving employees time off by encouraging or even mandating that they use vacation time during the Games.
- Starting the workday earlier and ending earlier or working longer, but fewer days.
- Allowing employees to work from home.

VANOC also wants businesses to consider lending some of its paid workforce to various jobs within the Olympic Games.

"It could be a technology job, it could be a transportation job … It could be anything," Furlong said.

When asked how VANOC is reacting to the leak of documents relating to a $100-million loan to the developers of the Olympic Village, Furlong responded that "it's a matter for the city.

"The City is our partner," he said. "They're delivering what we need … The City is going to meet that obligation. Today they're there. It's where we expected it to be construction-wise."

News in brief

COLLISION A nine-year-old Langley girl escaped with minor injuries Monday when she was hit by a car after getting off the school bus, RCMP said.

WEATHER Winds in Vancouver reached speeds of 70 km/h yesterday morning blacking out parts of Kerrisdale and delaying ferries, news1130.com reports. In downtown, a tarp came down on Howe Street on top of trolley wires.

HOMELESSNESS Mayoral candidates Peter Ladner and Gregor Robertson will each be getting 50 "Rights Blankets" today from Pivot Legal Society to give out to homeless people. The blankets have a printed list of housing, police and welfare rights. METRO VANCOUVER

Hockey Canucks change clothes

KRISTEN THOMPSON / METRO VANCOUVER

Vancouver Canucks Willie Mitchell, Roberto Luongo, Mathias Ohlund and Ryan Kesler wear the newly unveiled third jersey at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver yesterday. The jersey features a 'V' and Johnny Canuck logo on the side.

$345M in Games tickets sold

MONICA MARTINEZ
for Metro Vancouver

About $345 million worth of tickets to the 2010 Winter Games in Vancouver have been sold during the first phase of ticket requests — that's four-and-a-half times more than were sold during Salt Lake City's first ticketing phase.

The demand is so high that tickets to an estimated 120 of the 170 Olympic events will be allocated by lottery.

"It's a stunning reaction. Far greater than anything we have ever seen or anticipated throughout Olympic history," said VANOC CEO John Furlong yesterday.

The men's gold medal hockey game outsold the opening ceremonies by 60 per cent selling 140,000 tickets compared to 84,000 for the opening ceremonies. The third most popular event was the women's gold medal hockey game at 41,000 tickets.

Canadian residents who submitted a request but do not get tickets will have another chance during the Priority Access Period running from Dec. 8 to Dec. 22. Remaining tickets will be sold in 2009 on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Web traffic

- The Vancouver2010.com website received 18.4 million page views between Oct. 3 and Nov. 7.

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

B.C. not enforcing health refunds: Nurses' union

MEDICINE The provincial government is not enforcing refunds to patients who pay for services covered under the Medical Services Plan, according to the B.C. Nurses Union (BCNU).

Internal Health Ministry documents obtained under the Freedom of Information act state that a change in policy under the Medicare Protection Act in 2004 took away remedial action against physicians – including possible penalties – for not reimbursing patients.

BCNU president Debra McPherson said it confirms the government is not committed to improving the health care system. "There is nothing the patient can do," she said.

The current procedure is for the patient to seek a refund from the physician. If the request is ignored, MSP will write a letter asking offending doctors and clinics to comply, but won't take further action.

The union is assisting patients in preparing a case to be filed in the B.C. Supreme Court. MONICA MARTINEZ/ FOR METRO VANCOUVER

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Mudslide closes Stanley Park Seawall
Park employees say the area between Third Beach and Lions Gate Bridge may reopen sometime this weekend. NEWS1130.COM

Louie outraged at media insinuations

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RAFE ARNOTT/FOR METRO VANCOUVER
Coun. Raymond Louie at Vision Vancouver headquarters yesterday.

Allegations that Raymond Louie could have leaked internal city documents concerning a $100-million loan to the Olympic Village developers are unfounded and libelous, the Vision Vancouver councillor said yesterday.

"I'm being attacked in a co-ordinated smear campaign," a visibly outraged Louie said. "I will not stand for my reputation being smeared and my character being tarnished."

He was referring to a Global TV news broadcast aired on Wednesday night that said Louie was alone at city hall for an hour on the evening sensitive documents, which went missing on Oct. 14, reappeared two days later.

The details of that meeting, in which council approved the Olympic Village loan, were leaked to the media.

According to the broadcast, Coun. B.C. Lee found the documents on his desk at 7:11 p.m., and Louie had been alone in the council chambers from 5:56 p.m. to 7:06 p.m.

"I'm considering legal action over the insinuation," Louie said.

He was joined by Vision Vancouver mayoral candidate Gregor Robertson and lawyer Peter Oreck, who read a statement by councillor's assistant Cecilia Smith stating Global's timeline was incorrect.

According to Oreck, Smith said the documents reappeared between 2 p.m. and 3:46 p.m.

"(Smith) has nothing to gain and everything to lose by coming forward," Robertson said. "She said she thinks this is a witch hunt."

Louie said the drama surrounding the missing documents has gotten out of hand.

"This is sidetracking the (real election) issues and consuming the media's attention," he said.

On Wednesday, Mayor Sam Sullivan and all city councillors said they'd be willing to take a lie detector test to prove they didn't leak the document.

The previous day, Sullivan asked the Vancouver Police to investigate the internal theft.

Police said they first have to determine whether a crime occurred.

Meeting

- Gregor Robertson said if he's elected mayor he'll call a public meeting within a month to disclose details of the closed-door meeting.
- Mayor Sam Sullivan and former mayors Philip Owen and Larry Campbell said it's protocol for the City to discuss land negotiations in private.

News in brief

HEIST Two men dressed in black and wearing masks used axes to smash glass cases and steal $350,00 worth of jewelry from a Mission store. The robbery was recorded by a security camera.

RESIGNATION Two senior West Vancouver police officers have resigned over allegations they did not properly investigate a drinking and driving incident involving a fellow officer, Global TV reported last night.

DIABETES The provincial government is expected to make an announcement this morning about the launch of an insulin pump program to help young diabetics and their families.

HOCKEY Premier Gordon Campbell will hit the ice with Vancouver Canucks left winger Alex Burrows at General Motors Place this morning to lead nine young hockey players through shooting and skating drills. The drills mark the launch of the Spirit of 2010 Hockey Tournament.

IDENTIFIED A broken wooden box found on the shores of English Bay yesterday morning is apparently from a crematorium in Chilliwack, news1130.com reports. The box was labelled and included the name of the deceased and a funeral home in Langley. The funeral home has been contacted and says it will notify the family of the deceased.

KIDNAPPED A B.C. woman gathering video material for a documentary in northern Pakistan has been kidnapped, CBC News Online reports. Khadija Abdul Qahaar, 52, of West Vancouver, formerly known as Beverly Giesbrecht, was taken at gunpoint on Tuesday in an area near the border of Afghanistan.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Man found dead next to utility pole

DEATH Police suspect that a man found dead next to a fallen utility pole was trying to steal wire, Maple Ridge RCMP said yesterday.

The 50-year-old man — who was wearing climbing gear — was found dead lying underneath a pole at about 4:30 a.m. yesterday in the 11800-block of 203rd Street near the Lougheed Highway.

The highway was closed for about five hours following the incident while police investigated the scene.

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U of T gives honorary doctorate to Dr. Jane Goodall

World famous primatologist Dr. Jane Goodall is expected to receive two honorary doctorates in Toronto this week, with the first degree being awarded last tonight by the University of Toronto. Goodall, 74, is also scheduled to receive a Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of Haifa at a fundraising dinner on Sunday. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Canada

CBC probing Afghan arrests

The CBC has formally asked Afghan authorities for more details on the detainment of two Afghan employees who were working with journalist Mellissa Fung, left, when she was abducted last month, CBC News publisher John Cruickshank said yesterday. Fung, 35, was released on Saturday after spending 28 days in captivity by what she described as a "family business" of kidnappers eager to "finish her case" and get paid a ransom. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Who would win in a fight, Mr. Martin?

PAUL MCLEOD
Metro Canada

Paul Martin was in Halifax today to promote his new book. Metro News reporter Paul McLeod sat down one-on-one with the former Liberal PM. He asked him some serious questions. And then, he asked these.

Paul Martin

Metro: Jean Chretien famously said we may one day see him with a joint in his hand after he retires. Could we expect the same from you?

PM: No, because I don't smoke.

Metro: Deep down, does Danny Williams just need a hug?

PM: I think Danny Williams is a very effective leader. He's the kind of leader Newfoundland looks for.

Metro: Who would win in a fight, you or Jean Chretien?

PM: Uh, I'm not going to get into that.

Metro: If you could declare war on one country, which one would you choose?

PM: I wouldn't.

Metro: If Quebec separated, would you run to be its Prime Minister?

PM: It won't.

Metro: If you knew you could get away with it, would you egg Stephen Harper's house?

PM: (Laughter) No, because I lived there.

Liberal leadership **Ignatieff to run**

BLAIR GABLE/REUTERS

Liberal MP Michael Ignatieff arrives to a news conference with his wife Zsuzsanna Zsohar to announce his candidacy for the Liberal Party of Canada leadership, yesterday. The Liberals will hold a leadership convention in Vancouver this spring. MPs Bob Rae and Dominic LeBlanc are also expected to run.

Youth violence study to encourage prevention

CRIME A long-awaited probe into youth violence will recommend improving mental health services for young people and streamlining government departments to ensure better access to programs.

Jordan Manners

- The study was commissioned by Premier Dalton McGuinty after the May 2007 shooting death of student Jordan Manners at his Toronto school, C. W. Jefferys Collegiate.

The landmark "Roots of Youth Violence" study by former Liberal MPP Alvin Curling and retired Ontario chief justice Roy McMurtry being released this morning follows the adage that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

"Government must act. If you don't do it, it costs you more," Curling, a former cabinet minister, and legislative speaker, said. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

News in brief

POLITICS The Liberals, NDP and the Bloc Québécois urged the federal government to bail out the ailing auto industry, yesterday. The parties say the automakers will be in even bigger danger if Ottawa does not respond to a planned $25-billion aid package that the U.S. is discussing. **REUTERS**

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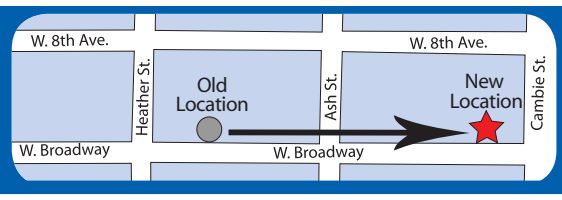

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No remains found yet in Edmonton murder

Police confident in case of Maple Ridge victim

JEFF CUMMINGS
Metro Canada

Detectives handling an investigation into an Edmonton filmmaker accused of murder in the death of Johnny Altinger are hoping a few witnesses will come forward who have noticed the suspect's car driving around.

Det. Mark Anstey says police are interested in finding people who may have seen Mark Twitchell's car, with its Star Wars themed licence plate, sometime between Oct. 14 and Oct. 19.

Police describe Twitchell's car as a 2003 Pontiac Grand Am with the Alberta licence plate: DRK JEDI.

It's alleged Twitchell "may have removed evidence" from his vehicle in a rural location, possibly in the Wetaskiwin area, said Anstey.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Police are asking witnesses to come forward if they spotted a murder suspect's car near Edmonton between Oct. 14 and 19.

"We're interested in anybody who might have seen that vehicle in a farm area or in any secluded area that might have been acting suspiciously," said Anstey.

The 29-year-old was charged with first-degree murder earlier this month. Altinger's body nor any remains have yet been found.

Altinger is from Maple Ridge, B.C.

"I still believe we have a strong forensic case," said Anstey.

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Marches planed to protest rejection of gay marriage in California

The rejection of gay marriage by California voters has unleashed a hurricane of protest on the Internet, with some supporters venting their anger and others planning national demonstrations. Dozens of marches and meetings are planned for 1:30 p.m. EST Saturday. **REUTERS**

World

Interpol cracks down on drug ring

Authorities in nine countries have raided businesses suspected of supplying medicines illegally over the Internet in an unprecedented global sweep co-ordinated by Interpol, officials said yesterday. The operation, codenamed Pangea, involved dozens of locations in Britain, Germany, Ireland, Israel, New Zealand, Singapore, Switzerland, Canada and the United States.

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Obama's inauguration the hottest ticket ever?

Prices ranging up to $10,000 for event

How much would you pay for a front row seat to history?

Tickets for the swearing-in ceremony of Barack Obama, who will become the United States' first black president on Jan. 20, are already being advertised for thousands of dollars.

There's just one small problem: The tickets are not publicly available, at least not yet. They will be released to the public only in the week before the ceremony, says the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

240,000 tickets

- Some 240,000 tickets will be distributed through the offices of U.S. congressmen and senators for the swearing-in ceremony itself.

The committee is outraged that the tickets are being advertised for sale on online auction site EBay and other websites since they are meant to be free. One senator is even drawing up legislation to outlaw their sale.

EBay spokeswoman Nichola Sharpe said EBay officials met members of the committee Wednesday and agreed to withdraw all ads for inauguration ceremony tickets.

EBay is currently advertising two tickets with a starting bid of $10,000, while online ticket brokers stubhub.com, a unit of EBay, and stagefront.com are advertising tickets between $1,400 and $2,350.

Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to converge on Washington to watch Obama take the oath of office on the steps of the U.S. Capitol and address the nation. **REUTERS**

Russia **Funeral for sub victims**

YURI MAITSEV/REUTERS

Relatives grieve during a funeral for the victims of an accident on Russia's Nerpa submarine yesterday. Russian prosecutors said yesterday they had opened a criminal case against a sailor suspected of triggering the accident on the Russian nuclear submarine that killed 20 people.

Murder charges for Austria's Fritzl

CAPTIVITY Austrian Josef Fritzl, who imprisoned his daughter in a cellar for 24 years and fathered seven children by her, has been charged with the murder of one of their children who died shortly after birth.

Prosecutors said yesterday they also charged Fritzl with rape, enslavement, incest and deprivation of liberty. **REUTERS**

News in brief

KIDNAPPING Gunmen abducted an Iranian diplomat in Peshawar, Pakistan yesterday, a day after a U.S. aid worker was shot dead in the city on the front line of an Islamist insurgency sweeping northwest Pakistan and parts of Afghanistan.

EUTHANASIA Italy's top court has authorized a father to disconnect the feeding tube, which has kept his comatose daughter alive for 16 years, removing the last legal hurdle in a landmark right-to-die case that has split the country.

PREGNANCY Thomas Beatie, who was born a woman, but lives as a man in Oregon after surgery and hormone treatment, is expecting a second child, Beatie has told Barbara Walters in an interview set to air on television today.

REUTERS

Three new planets spotted

SCIENCE Telescopes on land have caught the first real visual images of multiple planets orbiting another star.

The orbiting Hubble Space Telescope has found its own planet, the first so-called exoplanet to be found purely visually.

One set of images shows three giant planets orbiting a star named HR8799 in the constellation Pegasus, about 130 light-years away from the Earth. A light-year is the distance light travels in a year, or six trillion miles.

The planets are several times the mass of Jupiter.

"We finally have an actual image of an entire system," said Bruce Macintosh, an astrophysicist from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California and a member of the team of scientists who made the observations.

"This is a milestone in the search and characterization of planetary systems around stars."

About 300 planets have been found orbiting other stars besides the Earth's sun, but they have been found using indirect measurements, mostly looking at their effects on the gravitational fields of their suns.

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Trying to shake a political hangover

OmniVision

After the smoke, fire and histrionics of the U.S. election, intensified only briefly and slightly by our own federal campaign, the mood of the headlines and both countries has subsided into a mood resembling Sunday morning following a big bender.

The Republican party's defeat has prompted what's referred to as a circular firing squad, with everyone blaming everyone else, with Sarah Palin being singled out in particular — and tediously predictable — for blame, though it turned out that many of the unnamed John McCain campaign workers cited by supposedly reputable media like MSNBC and The New Republic as sources for the worst accusations were the work of a longtime hoaxer. It's been that kind of a week.

It hardly matters anyway, since confidence in mainstream media coverage is at an all-time low, and newspapers such as the Washington Post have published shamefaced admissions that their coverage of the campaign might have been, on reflection, a little biased. That won't stop the frenzy of kidney punches and kneecappings inside and outside the Republican party, though that might be a good thing; the party that ran this election might just as well forward all the campaign speeches of its next candidate to Saturday Night Live's writer's room in advance.

In the meantime, there are fleeting glimpses that the much-anticipated "Change" promised by the winning candidate might not be as earth-shattering as expected, as the president-elect's prospective choices for cabinet positions are thick with Clinton-era veterans, a prechewed meal that hardly smells like the prelude to a revolution, though we may all be grateful for that.

There's a crude poetry to the tradition of holding presidential inaugurations in mid-winter, where the likelihood of a swearing-in on the U.S. Capitol steps in the teeth of inclement weather is ripe with portents of the trials ahead. Between now and then, however, Barack Obama is limited to playing at president while the media (hopefully) begins shifting gears from lapdog to peevish teenager, while George W. Bush has little to do but taunt Dick Cheney by suggesting they hire Will Ferrell to stand in for him so he can head home early.

There's a curse, apocryphally attributed to some unknown Chinese sage and too frequently evoked by lazy editorialists, that wishes that the subject "live in interesting times." I was born eight months after the Kennedy assassination, six days after Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act, and have lived in interesting times my whole life. I long — with little expectation of satisfaction by now — for a year or two of Eisenhower-era political torpor and complacency, if only to catch up on my reading. These two months of doldrums might be the closest I'll get.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Views

Directing economic turnaround

By BEVERLY TOPPING

Meltdown. Recession. Crash. Depression. Most of us thought something like this was never going to happen again and that our economic system would continue to produce gains, albeit with the occasional slowdown.

The current global economic meltdown is continuing to produce tremors around the world. The implications for countries, businesses and individuals continue to unfold. When will it all come to an end? This is very difficult to predict, but my sense is that we have a way to go yet.

Many countries around the world are experiencing slower, if any, growth in their economies. Our biggest trading partner, the U.S., shows every evidence of a lengthy recession. When the U.S. falters, we can expect adverse impacts here at home. Indeed, we are already seeing some signs of this in terms of a stagnant GDP and layoffs in financial services firms among others. When credit tightens, businesses — especially small- and medium-sized enterprises — have a difficult time financing their current operations or expanding to take advantage of new opportunities.

Why did this financial crisis happen? There have been thousands of words written about this already and I suspect there will be many thousands more. Fingers have been pointing in every direction: Governments, central bankers, regulators, financial services firms, individual borrowers, and the list goes on, including directors of companies.

Beverly Topping

To our credit, Canada has had an impressive track record regarding corporate governance. Indeed, the process of raising the bar for corporate directors in Canada continues to gain momentum. The Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD) is dedicated to strengthening corporate governance through education, awareness, training and certification. We know that better directors make for better boards and that leads to stronger corporate performance.

Unlike the U.S., Canada has not seen any financial services company implode and none are teetering on the brink. Our boards and company managements seem to have avoided the excesses we have seen elsewhere. Nevertheless, they are under pressure arising from external events, and governments have rightly moved in to stabilize matters.

I am confident Canada will come through this crisis with even stronger corporate governance. At the ICD, we will identify the lessons learned — be they in risk management, executive compensation, strategic decision-making, financial management, information disclosure or other governance areas — and ensure they are foremost in the minds of directors going forward.

Beverly Topping (ICD.D) is president and CEO of the Institute of Corporate Directors.

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Consumers drinking less pop
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Business

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Economies feel slowdown pain

BLEAK China and Germany have all provided new evidence of the global economic slide. Germany's economy contracted 0.5 per cent in the third quarter, putting it in recession for the first time in five years. China's industrial output growth slowed to 8.2 per cent in October. REUTERS

Video game sales thriving: Experts

JINGLING BELLS Video game sales are expected to be strong this year and in 2009, despite the economic troubles of the retail stores that sell games, say industry executives, with optimism fuelled by solid sales of advanced game consoles made by Nintendo Co. Ltd., Sony Corp. and Microsoft Corp. REUTERS

Shrinking surplus

Canada sells less energy, fewer cars to U.S.

Canada's trade surplus shrank more than expected in September as the country sold less energy and fewer cars to the slowing U.S. market, while imports resumed their climb after a brief slump, Statistics Canada said yesterday.

The surplus narrowed to $4.49 billion, the lowest level since January, from a revised $5.63 billion in August. The median forecast of analysts was for a surplus of $4.95 billion.

Despite the retreat in exports, the trade data still suggest modest economic growth in the third quarter, analysts said.

But the fourth quarter outlook is bleak as the global economy heads for recession, likely triggering more interest rate cuts by the central bank REUTERS

Vehicle exports

- Exports of automotive products fell 3.4 per cent, the eighth decline in 12 months, due to weak U.S. demand and a plant shutdown.

Business in brief

DELAY Harvest Energy Trust said yesterday it has decided to defer a 75,000 barrel per day capacity expansion, costing $2 billion, of its Come By Chance refinery in Newfoundland and Labrador until financial conditions improve.

TELECOM Nortel Networks will have to rely on asset sales to fund its operations, and risks running out of money before 2011, said RBC Capital Markets analyst Mark Sue.

SUPERMARKET Loblaw Cos., Canada's largest supermarket chain, said its earnings, sales and profit margin rose in the third quarter, pushing its shares up as much as 12 per cent, but it warned that a slowing economy could hold back its performance for the rest of the year. Earnings rose 32 per cent to $155 million.

TRADE China resolved its trade dispute over financial information with the United States, European Union and Canada yesterday, eliminating discrimination against foreign financial data providers. REUTERS

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Maradona to quit?
Diego Maradona has allegedly threatened to resign after only two weeks as Argentina coach, furious because the president of the country's soccer federation won't let him freely appoint the remaining members of his coaching staff. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Lee beats Halladay for Cy Young

Cliff Lee took home the American League Cy Young Award in a runaway yesterday, becoming the second consecutive Cleveland Indians lefty to earn the coveted prize. Lee went a major league-best 22-3 this season with a 2.54 ERA. Toronto ace Roy Halladay was a distant runner-up with four first-place votes and 71 points. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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TOMORROW

Leafs at Canucks

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THE SKINNY: After a two-step against the Flames and Oilers in Alberta, the Leafs finish up their Canadian road swing by visiting GM Place for the first time since January of 2006. Toronto is coming off a 5-2 win in Edmonton, while Vancouver has picked up points in six of its last seven outings. The two clubs have met just twice since the NHL lockout with the Canucks winning on each occasion.

BLACK AND BLUE LINER: Kevin Bieksa will miss the game after suffering a broken bone in his foot earlier this month. Bieksa is expected to be out of the lineup for a total of ten days. The Canucks will get some help back up front as Pavol Demitra returns following a rib injury that kept him on the shelf for ten games.

NUMBER CRUNCHING: The Canucks and Leafs are nearly identical in goals per game, but Toronto hasn't been as proficient at keeping the puck out of its own net; on average, Vancouver allows one less goal per game.

GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS: The Leafs boast one of the league's most potent powerplays, but they also have the worst penalty killing unit in the NHL.

STAR GAZING: Matt Stajan is on a point-a-game pace through sixteen games, while Nik Antropov is just a point behind his fellow forward. Czech mates Tomas Kaberle and Pavel Kubina headline the Leafs defence.

NBA League looking at incident

REUTERS/RICK SCUTERI

The Houston Chronicle is reporting that the NBA is still investigating Wednesday night's altercation during the Suns-Rockets game in Phoenix. Steve Nash, Shaquille O'Neal and Tracy McGrady received technical fouls for their roles in the scuffle.

The potential life of Brian

Brian Burke is a wanted man. Cases are being made in at least nine NHL cities for his services, and that's not counting the Toronto Maple Leafs, the team where most NHL observers expect him to land as president and general manager.

Former Canucks GM Brian Burke has plenty of suitors.

Burke's appeal is immense. He is being portrayed as one of the top executives in the NHL and his availability at mid-season likely has several organizations scrambling to see if he is a fit in their front office. Burke represents a rare opportunity.

His flare and no-nonsense brand of hockey is already causing him to be portrayed as a potential folk hero in hard-nosed hockey towns like Boston and Philadelphia.

He has close ties to people like Glen Sather in New York, Roy Mlakar in Ottawa, and Harry Sinden and Peter Chiarelli in Boston.

The list of potential, non-Toronto options for Burke include Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, Ottawa and the Rangers, with longer odds on Atlanta, Tampa, Florida, and the Islanders.

The leading factor in Burke's departure from Anaheim stemmed from the fact he worked for a team that was so far away from the four children he has from his first marriage, all of who live in the Boston area.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Swisher traded to Yankees

MLB The New York Yankees acquired Nick Swisher and pitcher Kanekoa Texeira from the Chicago White Sox yesterday in exchange for infielder Wilson Betemit and two minor league pitchers. Swisher hit just .219 for Chicago last season. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Walker probably done for year
Oakland Raiders receiver Javon Walker is scheduled to undergo ankle surgery and will likely miss the remainder of the season. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Home field disadvantage

YorkReport

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The Calgary Stampeders and Montreal Alouettes will buck a weird CFL trend if they win their division finals at home tomorrow. Strangely, visiting teams have won the CFL's past four playoff games, all as underdogs. Almost as bizarre — or perhaps more bizarre — is that Michael Bishop was the losing quarterback in two of those four games. He was the Toronto Argonauts' QB when they lost to the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in the Eastern semifinal last season and was the Roughriders' QB when they lost to the B.C. Lions in the Western semifinal last Saturday. Saskatchewan released Bishop immediately after the loss.

"The Roughriders might still be playing," CFL guru Jack Morrow cracked, "if they'd been as quick to remove Bishop during the game as they were afterwards."

• The selection yesterday of Montreal's Anthony Calvillo as an offensive all-star should tip you off on who will be chosen the CFL's most-outstanding player this season ... Calvillo would be the CFL's comeback player as well — if the league had such an award ... Wes Cates was traded by Calgary to Saskatchewan before last season because he couldn't supplant Joffrey Reynolds as the Stampeders' running back. Yesterday, Cates and Reynolds were chosen the CFL's all-star running backs ... The Als' Jamel Richardson, who couldn't establish himself as a mainstay during his years in Saskatchewan, became Calvillo's favourite target this season and became one of the CFL's all-star receivers yesterday ... For my playoff picks, incidentally, visit metronews.ca for my latest CFL Report.

• Orlando Hudson, discarded by the Blue Jays before becoming an all-star second baseman in the NL, is No. 1 on the New York Mets' wish list of free agents, which means he's in for megabucks.

Atop the Jays' wish list, as reported here before, is the cantankerous Milton Bradley, who has a personal policy of never smiling. The interest in the slugger puzzles Jays fan Ajoy Pinto, Metro's marketing and promotions specialist. From the stands, Pinto once shouted this at Bradley: "You suck at the game of life," which, of course, was a not-so-subtle reference to the other Milton Bradley, who invented games for a living. Suffice it to say that Bradley didn't smile when he heard Pinto's observation.

• And get this: Men needing to pee during their golf games will no longer need to visit a washroom. No joke. A Florida-based urologist has invented a golf club that doubles as a urinal. Seems the urologist heard too many complaints from male golfers.

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GETTY IMAGES

Starting literally minutes after its predecessor, Casino Royale, left off, Quantum of Solace roars to a start with a car chase that sets the brisk pace director Marc Forster keeps up for the latest — and shortest — movie in the James Bond franchise.

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No music Oscar for The Dark Knight
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Latest Bond flick anti-climactic

Bond, played by Daniel Craig, is back in Quantum of Solace.

Quantum of **Solace**

Director: Marc Forster
Stars: Daniel Craig, Olga Kurylenko
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●●

RICK MCGINNIS
Metro Canada

The best Bond films have always lived up to their theme song, and unfortunately the blaring — but tuneless — Jack White/Alicia Keys intro to Quantum of Solace too ably sets the tone for what follows.

The movie starts literally minutes after its predecessor, Casino Royale, ended, with a pre-credit car chase that sums up director Marc Forster's brisk approach to the story.

Action scenes are the meat of Bond movies. Most of what we see in Quantum of Solace is at least as good as the standards set in previous films; relentless, and more than a bit improbable — if done properly.

One scene, set during an opera performance, is actually groundbreaking, an almost abstract action set piece that owes its success as much to sound editing as stunt work.

There seems to be a bit missing from the film, though. It's short for a Bond film, and the deliberately anticlimactic ending makes the experience on the whole a lot less draining — and thrilling — than the best of the series.

Politics intrudes with the clumsy, didactic gracelessness that's a hallmark of too many movies today. Still, the film's basic flaw is intrinsic to the story, which is focused around an emotionally wounded Bond with little time — or inclination — for the reckless pleasures or black humour that have defined the character in the other movies.

Daniel Craig's Bond is still an excellent incarnation of the character, and the decision to beef up Judi Dench's role as M, his spymaster, is paying subtle dividends that will, hopefully, start paying off more generously in the next film — which will start gracing us with a new Q, or a Moneypenny, at the very least.

Synecdoche, New York gets lost

Synecdoche, **New York**

Director: Charlie Kaufman
Stars: Philip Seymour Hoffman, Catherine Keener
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●½

KEVIN COURRIER
for Metro Canada

Philip Seymour Hoffman stars in Synecdoche, New York.

REVIEW In Synecdoche, New York, screenwriter Charlie Kaufman (Being John Malkovich, Adaptation, Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind), whose specialty is abstract absurdism, makes his directing debut trying to blur the line between art and life.

He blurs more than he clarifies, but the picture is still a fascinating failure.

Playwright Caden Cotard (Philip Seymour Hoffman) works for a regional theatre company in Schenectady, N.Y.

Meanwhile, his marriage to Adele (Catherine Keener) is falling apart — simultaneous to his production of Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman.

In response to the heated crisis on the home front, Cotard mounts an epic theatrical construct — a synecdoche of his life — where every character and place he conceives symbolizes his entire being.

For about the first half-hour, Kaufman is able to comically capture the psychological crackup of those obsessed artists who fear that if their art isn't going smoothly, then their life must also be heading for the gutter.

But when Caden attempts to resolve his neurosis through this burgeoning dramatic construct — where city blocks seem to contain every facet of his life — Kaufman's idea quickly runs out of steam.

Initially the performers, Hoffman, Keener, Sadie Goldstein (as their precocious daughter, Olive), and Samantha Morton (as one of his lovers) help anchor the story by illuminating how life's follies can't be so easily controlled, or resolved.

But Kaufman becomes self-congratulatory about his conceit and ultimately we get lost in the narrative labyrinth.

Synecdoche, New York inevitably swallows its own tail.

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Twilight soundtrack debuts at No. 1
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JCVD has slick, stylish and unabashed approach

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

JCVD
Director: Mabrouk El-Mechri
Stars: Jean-Claude Van Damme
Classification: 14A
Rating:

Jean-Claude Van Damme plays a slightly askew version of himself in JCVD.

Dolph Lundgren is probably banging his head against a wall somewhere.

After all, the struggling has-been action star has had to sit and watch his former Universal Soldier co-star, Jean-Claude Van Damme, enjoy a huge renaissance of popularity with an acclaimed turn in JCVD. That can't be fun.

By playing a slightly askew version of himself, Van Damme not only self-deprecatingly mocks his depleted action hero status but, by doing so, some critics are predicting he may actually salvage his slumming career.

Set in the aftermath of a child custody battle, JCVD returns the Muscles from Brussels to the sanctuary of Belgium where he soon finds himself in the middle of a robbery-gone-wrong. While cops mistakenly accuse the star of an escalating hostage situation, Van Damme struggles with the elements that have steered him to this bizarre crossroads.

With a slick, stylish and unabashed approach, it's clear that director Mabrouk El-Mechri both reveres and roasts his former movie idol. Better yet, El-Mechri gives him the soapbox on which to tell his story.

And Van Damme is the real deal here. With disarming likeability, he casts a spell over his audience with a compelling mix of self-parody and sentimentality. I defy anyone not to feel for the dude after sitting through a shocking, surreal seven minute monologue lamenting lost fame, family and fortune.

JCVD isn't just an amazing turnabout for Van Damme; it's a fascinating and hilarious study of celebrity and middle-aged angst at large.

While Van Damme may stun audiences with a dramatic dropkick, I wouldn't go so far as to forecast that JCVD will restore the actor to the A-list: Having just signed up to make Universal Soldier III, it would seem old habits die hard in the withering world of washups.

Twilight fans anxious for film version of book

PHIL BROWN
For Metro Canada

When someone mentions Stephenie Meyer's teen novel phenomena Twilight, the title sparks one of two reactions: Either an excited rant from a member of one of world's most devoted fan bases, or a blank stare.

Twilight has already sold more than 17 million copies, and the cinematic adaptation being released next week will likely follow with a new run up the book charts.

Don't feel bad if you haven't heard of the series. It probably just means you're not a teenage girl — barely anyone involved with the film had heard of it, either.

"I did not read the books. (The script) was forced on me," says Kristen Stewart, who plays Bella in the film.

Bella is a young girl who moves to a new town and immediately falls for a high school classmate. However, things get a little complicated when it turns out that her dream boy is actually a vampire struggling to decide if he wants to kiss her or sink his teeth into her neck.

Twilight, based on the teen novel by Stephenie Meyer, gets its cinematic release next week.

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"I didn't like the outline because it seemed very shallow and vain to me, like Bella was in love with this guy just because he was the hottest thing she had ever seen. But when I finally read the script, I begged to get the audition," Stewart says.

"I'd never heard of the books," adds Melissa Rosenberg, who wrote the screenplay.

"(Comic Con) was the first time I really understood just how huge this was and a cold sweat came over me when they were about to play a clip and I realized that I didn't do it exactly like it was in the book.

"You don't want to be the person who killed Twilight for a generation."

Despite the lack of familiarity on the part of some of the movie's creators — many of whom have since become fans of the book — reaction to their work among Twilight readers has been positive so far.

"It's been fascinating because some people have said this is the most true adaptation of a novel they've ever seen," said director Catherine Hadwicke, who also made the indie teen flick Thirteen.

"I love that because it's true to the notions and the spirit, but it's not true to the book in many ways. We interpreted it and tried to make it visual, emotional, dynamic and cinematic. I'd say I put my own stamp on every scene."

The filmmakers' work is eagerly anticipated by the legions of fans that have shown up in droves for every early screening held so far.

No one involved with the movie expected anything like this level of reaction.

"The crowds of people screaming makes you want to cry," Stewart said.

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Gong Li denounced as a traitor
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Josh Brolin has arrived

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

FEATURE He has been acting for nearly a quarter century — making his adolescent debut in the cult classic The Goonies — but most people knew Josh Brolin best because of his famous father and stepmother: James Brolin and Barbra Streisand.

Thanks to a string of outstanding performances in a diverse lineup of films (Grindhouse, American Gangster, No Country For Old Men, W., and the upcoming Milk), Brolin has not only managed to step out of his parental shadows, but also establish himself as one of the finest actors of his generation.

It is an experience the actor admits he always pined for.

"I always wanted to work with great filmmakers," Brolin says. "I started out working with a really amazing filmmaker and was extremely spoiled by my first experience. Then the next time it happened was with David O. Russell on Flirting With Disaster. I remember watching that movie thinking, 'Thank God I'm in this film.'"

The latest directing talent to enlist Brolin is Gus Van Sant, for whom he plays Dan White in the upcoming Milk, a bio-pic about America's first openly gay politician, Harvey Milk.

"Gus sent the script to me and I read it immediately," said Brolin, who plays a fellow politician who kills Milk. "I cried at the end. I was very moved by it and said yes right away."

Milk marks the second time this year that Brolin has played a controversial political figure. It follows his amazing portrayal of George Bush in Oliver Stone's W.

"It's harder in that there's some form of wanting to do it justice, especially with Bush," Brolin says about portraying an actual person. "He's so in everybody's psyche and there's so much hatred and dislike for him globally."

James Bond knockoffs a film genre

InFocus

Richard Crouse
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This week, you can't throw a steel-brimmed hat without hitting a billboard or poster for Quantum of Solace. Daniel Craig's mug is so omnipresent, it's impossible to get a quantum of relief from his stern but handsome mug.

It seems the whole world has gone Bond crazy, but this is nothing new. James Bond — and whoever is playing the super spy — has always been big news, but there is only so much of him to go around. That's why enterprising filmmakers have frequently retooled the Bondian formula of guns, girls and gadgets to attract new audiences.

During the late 1960s wave of Bondmania, Dean Martin staggered through a quartet of spy spoofs based on the literary character Matt Helm, giving new meaning to the advertising tagline "America's Loaded Weapon."

Since then, the Bond knock-off business has boomed and 007 wannabes in all shapes and sizes have blossomed. There's adolescent Bond in Agent Cody Banks, a version for teens called xXx ("Now I know what xXx stands for: Xtremely Xcruciating Xperience" raved one critic) and parodies like Get Smart and Austin Powers.

Wilder still is Operation Kid Brother. In a blatant attempt to satisfy audience's need for all things Bond in 1967, producers cast Sean Connery's younger brother Neil as a plastic surgeon and hypnotist recruited by her Majesty's Secret Service to thwart the evil crime syndicate Thanatos. He's called into action, the movie explains, because "his brother is out on a routine mission." Wow, perfect casting! Except Neil can't act. The film flopped so badly it could have been the reason bargain bins were invented, and Neil soon returned to his former job as a plasterer. But Operation Kid Brother does have its pleasures.

Sean's brother Neil Connery starred in Operation Kid Brother.

Bond alumnus Bernard Lee and Lois Maxwell ham it up alongside From Russia with Love's Bond girl Daniela Bianchi, and Thunderball villain Adolfo Celi. Better than that is the soundtrack by Ennio Morricone, which unlike the rest of the film, is on par with a real Bond film.

The Connery name will always be associated with Bond, and while Neil (thankfully) retired soon after Operation Kid Brother, other Connerys had a harder time letting the character go.

Sean revived his Bond after a 12-year layoff in 1983's Never Say Never Again and as a voice in videogames — and his son, Jason Connery, played 007's creator in The Secret Life of Ian Fleming.

Richard Crouse is the author of Son of the 100 Best Movies You've Never Seen and film critic for CTV's Canada AM.

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Rachel Getting Married (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:10-9:30
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Pride and Glory (18A) DTS Digital Fri 6:55-9:40 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1:25-4:10-6:55-9:40 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 6:55-9:40
Religulous (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 6:50-9:25 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 1:35-4:20-6:50-9:25 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 6:50-9:25
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Ping Pong Playa (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:35-4:55-7:20-9:40
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Soul Men (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 10:05
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RocknRolla (14A) Fri-Thu 9:55

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Salome (Strauss) - Metropolitan Opera - Encore Presentation (STC) Sat 10
Twilight (PG) No Passes Thu 10
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Role Models (14A) Fri 4:45-7:15-9:40 Sat 12:40-4:45-7:15-9:40 Sun 12:40-4:45-7:15 Mon-Wed 4:45-7:15 Thu 4:45-7:15-9:40
Twilight (PG) No Passes Thu 10
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Body of Lies (18A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:15-7:15-10:20
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High School Musical 3: Senior Year (G) Fri 12:20-3:30-7:10-10:15 Sat 12:20-3:30-10:15 Sun-Tue 12:20-3:30-7:10-10:15 Wed 12:30-3:30-7:10-10:15 Thu 12:20-3:30-7:10-10:15
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Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa: The IMAX Experience (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-2:20-4:40-7-9:20
Max Payne (14A) Fri-Thu 6:35-9
Passchendaele (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-4:10-7:35-10:30
Quantum of Solace (14A) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:15-1:45-3:15-4:45-6:30-7:45-9:30-10:45 No Passes Wed 12:15-1:45-3:15-4:45-6:30-7:45-9:30-10:45 No Passes Fri-Tue 1:45-7:10 No Passes Wed 1-4-10 No Passes Thu 4-7-10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
RocknRolla (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:55-6:50-9:45 Role Models (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:30-10:10
Salome (Strauss) - Metropolitan Opera - Encore Presentation (STC) Sat 10
Saw V (18A) Fri-Thu 2-5-7:55-10:40
The Secret Life of Bees (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:25-9:15
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Beverly Hills Chihuahua (G) Sat-Sun 1:50
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The Haunting of Molly Hartley (14A) Fri 4:50-7:20-10:05 Sat 1:55-4:50-7:20-10:05 Sun 1:55-4:50-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:20
Max Payne (14A) Fri 4:45-7:25-10 Sat 2:10-4:45-7:25-10 Sun 2:10-4:45-7:25 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:25
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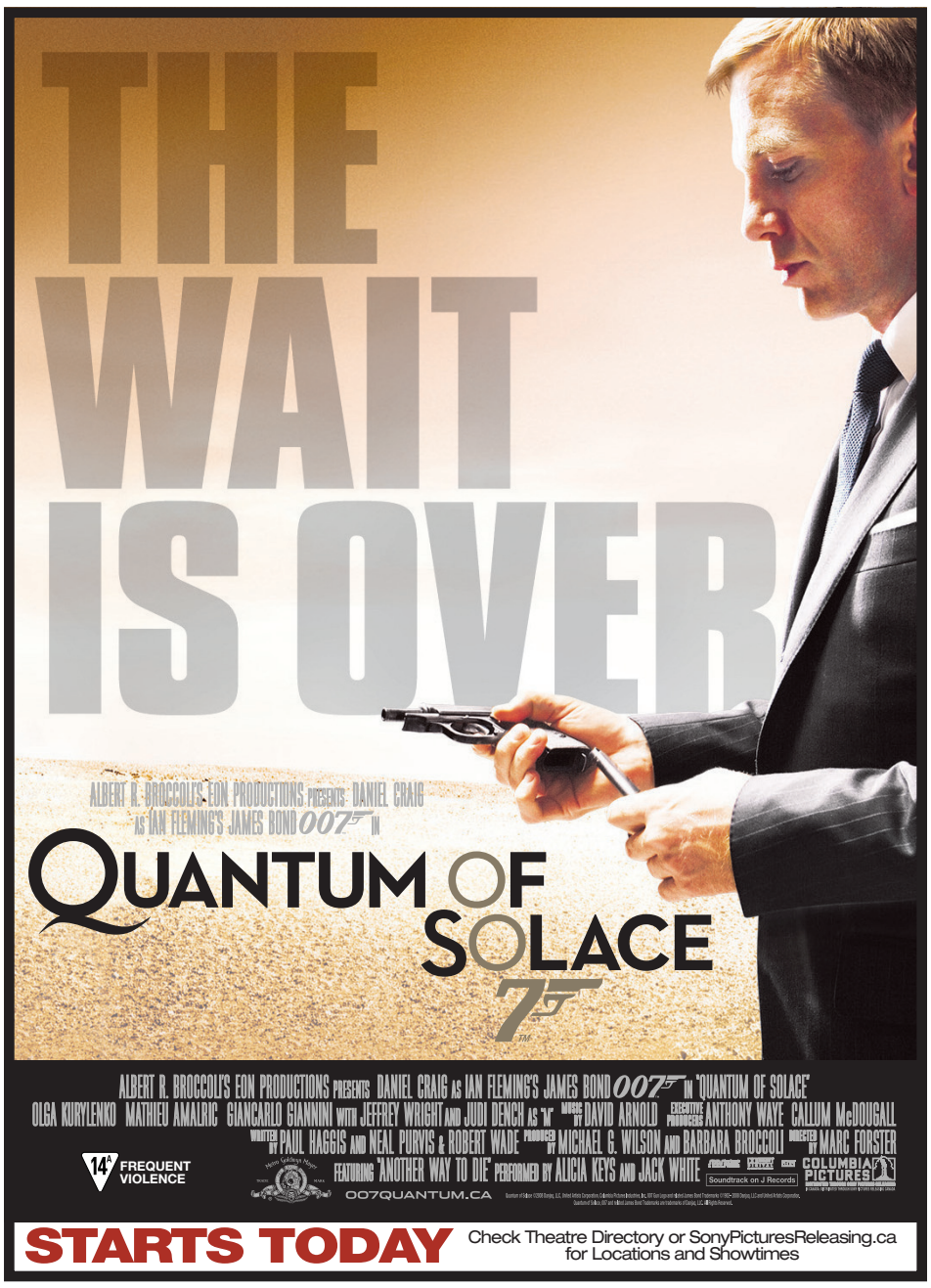

The bestselling albums at Amazon.ca
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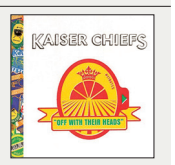
Music

metro music pick

• **Kaiser Chiefs, Off With Their Heads:** U.K. buzz band returns with a raucous hook-filled update to their Brit-pop sound with great new-wave echoes that result in the riotous fun that was predicted on their debut disc.



Clips mash dance, rock

On the **Beat**

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The Clips play Di Metric Studios tomorrow with Women, The Bicycles, Hot Panda and Gang Violence. As well, the band's looking for keytars: anyone with a spare, let them know at theclips.ca.

Some people are compelled to play instruments to find musical expression. Others are encouraged by 300-pound opera singers.

Jeremy Gruman, drummer for Vancouver-based dance-rockers the Clips, was recruited for the Bishop's University orchestra after the dean learned he'd played violin since he was five years old.

"(The dean) sent this hulking baritone opera guy to my res room. He was like six-foot-eight-inches and 300 pounds," said Gruman, laughing. "It felt like he was escorting me to the executioner's chair."

The tactic worked: Gruman studied violin for a year in Lennoxville, playing in the orchestra and some ensembles. However, having bought drums a few years before, he also studied percussion, learning the fundamentals from a mulletted prog-rock enthusiast.

Years later, he's dropped violin to focus on drumming full-time with the Clips, which he formed with Edo Vanbreemen. The band blends Gruman's polyrhythmic drumming with Vanbreemen's emotive vocals, sharp guitars, chunky bass, keyboards, electronic filters and much more into a jam-band mash of emotional dance rock.

"We'll jam for 10, 15, 20 minutes at a time, and at a point, might see something happening," said Gruman. "When I play the drums, I'm thinking about the song structure … and try to lead others in the band — sort of push the direction of the songs with my drumming."

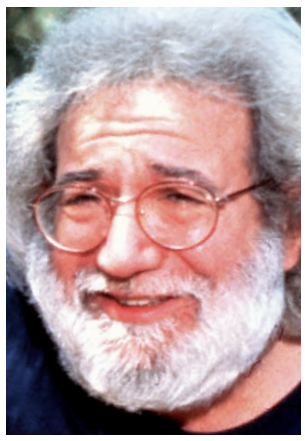
The band's debut, Matterhorn, highlights the freedom of such an approach, with tracks flowing from Missing the Plan's marching-band drum rolls and harpsichord to Kassel's deep bass groove and synth hooks. Throughout the album, filters and effects buttress piano chords — hitting the organic-electronic mix of influences like the Stone Roses, the Beta Band and, most noticeably, Radiohead.

"It feels guilty to say, but we are such big Radiohead fans, and they did such great things with Thom Yorke playing piano … (so we) always had that sound in our minds," said Gruman. "Edo's a great keyboard player, and had inherited this amazing piano … And really, who doesn't like the sound of good piano?"

Rob McMahon is a Vancouver-based freelance writer.

Flea, Johnny Marr on new Frusciante album
Red Hot Chili Peppers guitarist John Frusciante has recruited his bandmate Flea and former Smiths guitarist Johnny Marr for his latest solo album, The Empyrean. The disc is due out on Jan. 20. **REUTERS**

Music



Jerry Garcia

Movie to trace Garcia's life before Dead

MOVIES The producing duo behind Election and Little Miss Sunshine are developing a biopic about Grateful Dead frontman Jerry Garcia.

The untitled project aims to reveal the roots of the counterculture icon, focusing primarily on Garcia's early life in the Bay Area before he joined the band that would become the Grateful Dead. The period includes a stint in the military, a life-changing car accident and his first creative encounters with members of the Northern California music scene like future Dead bassist Phil Lesh.

Veteran producers Albert Berger and Ron Yerxa, who have collaborated on some of the biggest indie hits of the past decade, have reunited with their Hamlet 2 partner Eric Eisner on the project. They acquired the rights to Robert Greenfield's book Dark Star, an oral history of Garcia from dozens of people who knew him, including musicians, relatives and artist friends like Ken Kesey.

Music rights also are being negotiated, though given that the period in Garcia's life that's covered is pre-Dead, the producers could avoid some of the trickier negotiations.

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This Day In Music History
In 2003, rapper Jay-Z's The Black Album, which he said was his final bow, has a rare Friday release. REUTERS

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Blunt words

Singer readies to guest edit Metro worldwide

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James Blunt plays General Motors Place on Monday.

How's this for a headline: Brangelina Share Café Latte En Route To Adoption Agency. Not on James Blunt's watch.

The multimillion-selling singer-songwriter will be Metro International's first global guest editor for the Nov. 17 edition.

"I don't think celebrity coverage is that interesting, really," Blunt said in a recent interview, adding that the media should "temper" their coverage of fluff with more serious stuff.

And don't give him that line about the media being a mere reflection of what's happening in the world, as one editor said long ago to a young reporter.

"You have drug addicts and you have drug dealers," Blunt said on his cellphone before a concert in Nurnberg, Germany. "Your (former) boss is saying he's the drug dealer, and he's not to blame then, is he? The addicts need help."

Blunt, whose breakout hit was You're Beautiful in 2005, says the worldwide Metro papers can lead the way to less frivolous coverage.

"I think, probably, something like Metro … (is) in a relatively good position to approach journalism for the original reasons, which is presumably to investigate and inform people," he said. "Whereas, if your focus purely becomes newspaper sales — suddenly the truth is less interesting over what is sensationalistic.

"So I definitely think a balance has to be found."

Blunt, whose first two albums have sold more than 14 million copies worldwide, says he jumped at the chance to get a behind-the-scenes look at a newspaper.

"The power of the media is phenomenal," said the 34-year-old Brit. "In a way, one could argue that they decide governments in the first place. Definitely, at least, in Britain."

Blunt will work with global editor-in-chief Sakari Pitkanen at Metro's Rome office in advance of the Nov. 17 issue.

"We have a few topics we're going to work up together," said Blunt. "He's going to show me the ropes, really, and discuss what's going on in the world today. It will be really interesting to do that.

"It's a pretty amazing period of time right now, and I see that from being on tour."

new gig

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P. Diddy to appear on CSI

P. Diddy is to appear in the hit TV show CSI: Miami, playing a federal prosecutor in two episodes of the crime drama. The episodes are scheduled to be aired in early 2009. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

Television

Gervais visits Sesame Street

IntelleVision

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SO WHAT IS IT WITH YOU AND BERT, NOT THAT I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT OR ANYTHING: Ricky Gervais has been asked to do a guest spot on Sesame Street, an honour that has been bestowed on everyone from Laura Bush and Jack Black to Max Headroom and Yo-Yo Ma, and which signals the likelihood that, no matter what horrible thing you do for the rest of your life, somebody's grandmother can be called upon to describe you as "a nice person, but they've obviously got a few problems."

Gervais, who has already appeared in animated form in The Simpsons and Grand Theft Auto IV, and told the BBC that "there are some things you don't turn down." Gervais also said that he was reluctant to accept a rumoured offer to host the Oscars, and his website broke the news that a revival of Extras for one more Christmas special had reached the stage where he's asked Danny DeVito, Michael Douglas and Al Pacino to appear in the show. What, precisely, Al Pacino might do to embarrass himself on the show that he hasn't already surpassed in his last 15 years of film roles remains to be seen, of course.

WHAT'S ONE STEP BELOW TEMP?: In related Office news, B. J. Novak will be taking a break from playing Ryan the temp-turned-executive-turned-jailbird-turned-temp-receptionist on the NBC show. Novak has a role in Quentin Tarantino's new film, according to an Entertainment Weekly story, and will be gone from Dunder Mifflin for several episodes, which might turn out to be a permanent absence according to another source, who said that Novak thinks that Ryan has played himself out.

This might solve the problem of bringing Jenna Fischer back after a mostly Pam-less season, which EW seems to think is the only way to bring season five to a satisfying conclusion, even if it will deprive Michael of his disturbing man-crush, and the show of one of its best running gags.

"I'm amazed that an afterthought character like (The Office's) Ryan has turned out to be so resilient."

Frankly, I'm amazed that an afterthought character like Ryan has turned out to be so resilient, though if I'm forced to be honest, it still seems like a miracle that the show has gone on so long after exhausting the inspiration it took from Ricky Gervais' original. It's like imagining that Happy Days spin-offs like Blansky's Beauties and Joanie Loves Chachi ended up running as long as The Simpsons and have a whole Trivial Pursuit game devoted to them.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

FRIDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Air Farce	Rick Mercer	Doctor Who (N) (CC)		CBC News: The National (N)		(:05) The Hour
	255	358	6 JOY	E News	The Insider	Deal or No Deal (N) (CC)		Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		20/20 (N) (CC)		News (N)
	250	321	9 CTV	etalk (CC)	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer "Threshold"		Super-Manny (N) (CC)		Law & Order (CC)		News (N)
	252	336	11 GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	Life (CC)		NUMB3RS "Power" (CC)		NUMB3RS (CC)		News (N)
	256	389	12 VI	Instant Star	TMZ (N) (CC)	Supernanny "Howat Family"		Don't Forget the Lyrics! (N)		Stargate SG-1 "The Quest"		News (CC)
	253	359	13 CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Secret Life of American Teen		Crusoe "Hour 6 -- Long Pig"		Lipstick Jungle (N) (CC)		EP Daily
	-	-	14 CW	Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal	Hates Chris	The Game (N)	America's Next Top Model		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Ghost Whisperer "Threshold"		Price Is Right Salutes		NUMB3RS (CC)		News (N)
	287	379	16 NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Deal or No Deal (N) (CC)		Crusoe "Hour 6 -- Long Pig"		Lipstick Jungle (N) (CC)		News (N)
	288	380	21 ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Supernanny "Howat Family"		Super-Manny (N) (CC)		20/20 (N) (CC)		News (N)
	290	382	23 FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Don't Forget the Lyrics! (N)		News (N)	Most Wanted	Family Guy
news	502	390	26 NW	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National		CBC News: the fifth estate		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
sports	407	419	22 RSP	Best Damn Sports Show		Hockey	UFC: Access	The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
family	400	400	30 TSN	Basketball	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			2008 World Series of Poker Main event, from Las Vegas.				SportsCentre
	552	543	25 YTV	The Perfect Man ★★ (2005) Hilary Duff, Chris Noth. (CC)				Smallville "Wrath" (CC)		Dark Oracle	Mystery Hnt.	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50 TEL	George	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show		Wayside	Johnny Test	Futurama	Father	Chicken	Life's a Zoo
cable variety	268	354	5 KNO	Emily of New Moon (CC)		The Royal (N) (CC)		Dalziel and Pascoe: Ruling		Salesman ★★★ (1969) Jamie Baker. (CC)		
	575	583	20 CMT	Karaoke Star "Halifax, NS"		Sessions	Sessions	The Witches of Eastwick ★★★ (1987, Fantasy) Jack Nicholson, Cher.				
	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami "Sunblock" (CC)		Criminal Minds (CC)		CSI: Miami (CC)		CSI: Miami "Deep Freeze"		CSI: Miami
	521	560	34 TLC	Say Yes to the Dress (N)		What Not to Wear "Lynn"		Say Yes to the Dress (CC)		Real Simple. Real Life "Gina"		What Not
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	603	561	52 FN	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Restaurant Makeover (CC)		Challenge Sandwiches. (CC)		Chef Abroad	The Wild Chef	Diner, Drive-In
	320	621	60 CEN	Sanctuary "The Five" (N)		Untraceable ★★ (2008) Diane Lane. (CC)		(:45) Transformers ★★★ (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf. (CC)				
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SATURDAY

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primetime	251	308	3 CBC	NHL Hockey Colorado Avalanche at Edmonton Oilers. (Live) (CC)					HNIC -- After Hours		News (CC)	HNIC Replay
	255	358	6 JOY	E News	The Soup	Soup Presents	Behind	Dr. 90210 (CC)		Forbes TV 20: Famous		E News
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	252	336	11 GTV	Disasters of the Century		Turning Points of History		Painkiller Jane "Breakdown"		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	News (N)
	256	389	12 VI	New Canoe	Island Week	The Road to Avonlea		Kool Countdown (CC)		Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	Bravo! Fact
	253	359	13 CITY	Survivorman (CC)		Less-Kind	Kaya "Pilot"	Childstar ★ (2004) Don McKellar, Mark Rendall. (CC) (DVS)				Role
	-	-	14 CW	CSI: NY (CC)		Boston Legal "Loose Lips"		Boston Legal "Lincoln" (CC)		CSI: NY (CC)		CSI: Miami
	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment Tonight (N)		Wedding Crashers ★★★ (2005) Owen Wilson. Premiere.				(:15) 48 Hours Mystery (N)		(:15) News (N)
	287	379	16 NBC	Backroads	Inside Edition	Knight Rider (CC)		The Office	Saturday Night Live (CC)			News (N)
	288	380	21 ABC	College Football			Whacked Out	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	Monk (CC)		KOMO 4 News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two-Half Men	Two/Half Men	Cops (N) (PA)	Cops (CC)	America's Most Wanted		News (N)	Most Wanted	MADtv (N)
news	502	390	26 NW	Doc Zone (CC)		Sat. Report	Weekend	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	Doc Zone (CC)		Sat. Report
	500	500	33 CNN	D.L. Hughley-News		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley-News		Investigations
sports	407	419	22 RSP	English Premier League Soccer Teams TBA. (Same-day Tape)				The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Poker
family	400	400	30 TSN	(:15) Boxing Jeff Lacy vs. Jermain Taylor. (Live) (CC)					SportsCentre	Morning Light (CC)		SportsCentre
	552	543	25 YTV	Wolverine	Transformers	Naruto (CC)	Blue Dragon	Zatch Bell (N)	Bleach (CC)	Storm Hawks	Dark Oracle	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50 TEL	George	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show		Wayside	Johnny Test	Futurama	Akira ★★★ (1988) Voices of Mitsuo Iwata.		
cable variety	268	354	5 KNO	National Geographic (CC)		Heartbeat (CC)		Midsomer Murders "Hidden Depths" (CC)				Montreal Jazz
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	615	520	31 A&E	(5:00) The Andromeda Strain (2008) Benjamin Bratt. (CC)				The Andromeda Strain (2008) Benjamin Bratt, Eric McCormack. (CC)				
	521	560	34 TLC	Trading Spaces (N) (CC)		17 Kids-Count	17 Kids-Count	Property Ladder (CC)		Trading Spaces (CC)		Little People
	616	522	39 SHO	About a Girl	Kink in Hair	Time and Again (2007, Drama) Brooke Burns.				Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby		
	294	650	47 TBS	(6:00) The Wizard of Oz (1939)		(:10) Jack Frost ★★ (1998, Fantasy) Michael Keaton. (CC)				(:10) Cheaper by the Dozen ★★ (2003) (CC)		
	603	561	52 FN	Kitchen Nightmares (CC)		The F Word		Top Chef "Melting Pot" (CC)			Dinner	Nightmares
	320	621	60 CEN	(6:00) Bratz ★	Golden	The Great Debaters ★★★ (2007) Denzel Washington. (CC)				(:05) The Quiet ★ (2005) Camilla Belle. (CC)		
	581	566	101 MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Girls-Latitude	MTV News	After

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SUNDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	Heartland (N) (CC) (DVS)		The Nature of Things (N)		Anne Murray: Friends		CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		News (CC)
	255	358	6 JOY	Instant Beauty Pageant (CC)		Extreme Makeover: Home		Hot Holiday 16	Behind	Real Housewives of OC		News (CC)
	250	321	9 CTV	Star Wars Clo.	Degrassi	The Amazing Race 13 (N)		Desperate Housewives (N)		(:01) Without a Trace (N)		News (N)
	252	336	11 GTV	renegade	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	King of Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	(:01) Brothers & Sisters (N)		News (N)
	256	389	12 VI	Funniest Home Videos		Gossip Girl (N) (CC)		Cold Case "Triple Threat" (N)		Medium (CC)		New Canoe
	253	359	13 CITY	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Valentine Bookstore lovers.		Easy Money (CC)		Crusoe "Hour 6 -- Long Pig"		Role
	-	-	14 CW	In Harm's Way (CC)		Valentine Bookstore lovers.		Easy Money (CC)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
	289	381	15 CBS	60 Minutes (N) (CC)		The Amazing Race 13 (N)		Cold Case "Triple Threat" (N)		The Unit "Into Hell, Part Two"		News (N)
	287	379	16 NBC	NFL Football: Cowboys at Redskins			M. Holmgren	Dateline NBC (CC)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		News (N)
	288	380	21 ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives (N)		(:01) Brothers & Sisters (N)		KOMO 4 News
	290	382	23 FOX	King of Hill	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	King of Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)	Q It Up Sports	House (CC)
news	502	390	26 NW	Hold Me Tight, Let Me Go (2007, Documentary)				CBC News: Sunday Night		Hold Me Tight, Let Me Go (2007)		
	500	500	33 CNN	D.L. Hughley-News		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley-News		Investigations
sports	407	419	22 RSP	World Combat League (CC)		Boxing Jelena Mrdjenovich vs. Lindsey Scragg. (Taped)				Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
family	400	400	30 TSN	NFL Football: Cowboys at Redskins				SportsCentre (Live) (CC)	NASCAR Now (N) (CC)		Motoring 2008	SportsCentre
	552	543	25 YTV	(6:00) Are We There Yet? (CC)		SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	The Next Star "Own a Song"		Falcon Beach (CC) (DVS)		Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50 TEL	George	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show		Wayside	Johnny Test	Futurama	Captain America ★ (1990) Matt Salinger. (CC)		
cable variety	268	354	5 KNO	Insect Wars (CC)		Doc Martin "Tick Tock" (CC)		New Tricks (N) (CC)		Dalziel and Pascoe: Ruling		Montreal Jazz
	575	583	20 CMT	CMA Awards Red Carpet		The 42nd Annual CMA Awards Festivities honor excellence in country music. (Live) (CC)						Red Carpet
	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami (CC)		CSI: Miami "Speed Kills"		CSI: Miami "Darkroom" (CC)		CSI: Miami (CC)		CSI: Miami
	521	560	34 TLC	Forbidden Love: Polygamy (N)		Half Ton Mom		Half Ton Dad		Forbidden Love: Polygamy		627 Lb
	616	522	39 SHO	The Guard (CC)		Secret Lives (2005) Daphne Zuniga, Duncan Regehr.				Weeds (CC)	Rescue Me	Kenny-Spenny
	294	650	47 TBS	(:10) The Wizard of Oz ★★★★ (1939, Fantasy) Judy Garland. (CC) (DVS)					(:20) Hook ★★★ (1991, Fantasy) (PA) Dustin Hoffman. (CC)			
	603	561	52 FN	Jamie's Kitchen Australia		Chef School	At the Table	Challenge "Tag Team Cakes"		Iron Chef America (CC)		Jamie
	320	621	60 CEN	Life & Times	Entourage (N)	True Blood (N) (CC)		Dexter (N) (CC)		(9:55) Mr. Bean's Holiday ★★ (2007) (CC)		
	581	566	101 MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	After	MTV News	MTV Shuffle (CC)		Girls-Latitude	Cribs (CC)	MTV Presents

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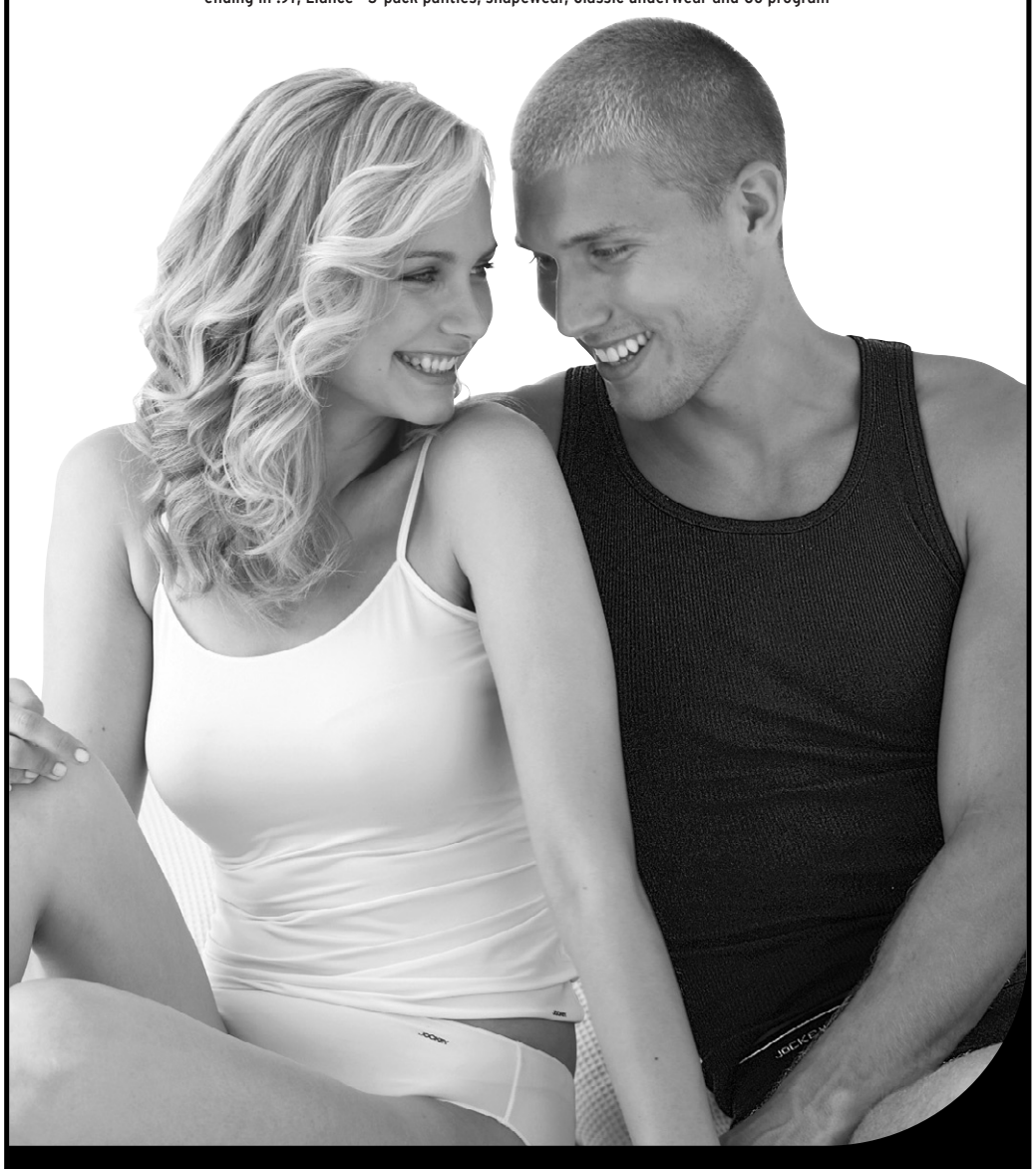

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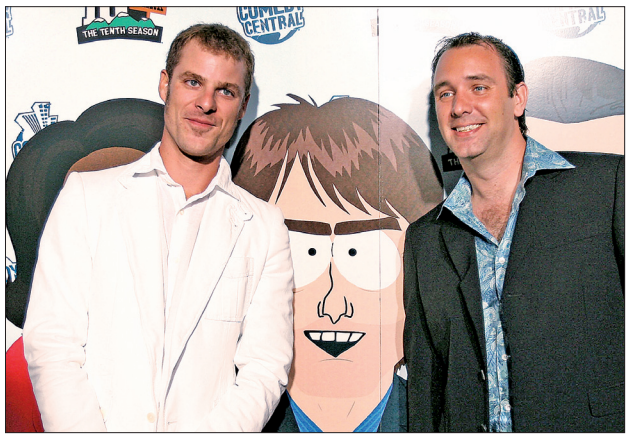

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South Park creators Matt Stone, left, and Trey Parker.

South Park to feature spoof of U.S. election

Rick's TV **Picks**

South **Park**

Air date: today
Network: Comedy Network

TREY PARKER AND Matt Stone maintain their reputation for topicality with a spoof of the recent U.S. election filtered through the Ocean's 11 films. While South Park's adults run riot celebrating Obama's election, the presidential candidates reveal their plan to steal the Hope Diamond. As usual, the real satirical venom is in the context, not the plot.

Total **Finale Live**

Air date: Sunday
Network: MTV

FRANKLY, I THOUGHT MTV's Total Request Live had been on the air a lot longer than 10 years, but it's bringing down the curtain with this special show featuring performances by Beyonce, Snoop Dogg and Fall Out Boy, among others. Believe it or not, the show was once a cultural big deal, important enough to merit a regular parody on Saturday Night Live.

Snoop Dogg

Tokyo Police Club

Desperate **Housewives**

Air date: Sunday
Network: CTV

GUEST STARS FOR the night's show are indie rock band Tokyo Police Club. I haven't a clue what it means, but it's fun to write – like when Joe Namath appeared on the Brady Bunch.

— RICK MCGINNIS/METRO CANADA

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Thanks Clooney!
Actor John Stamos has George Clooney to thank for his stint on hit TV medical drama E.R. because the original castmember was the guy who encouraged his pal to sign up. Stamos admits Clooney told him to take the part. IMDB.COM

Television

Comedy charts path to the altar

TV Showtime is developing a dating-themed comedy from a longtime writer/executive producer on The Simpsons.

Kevin and the Chart of Destiny is about a brilliant but lonely market researcher who designs an elaborate dating system — as laid out in a complex wall chart — in order to achieve his goal of finding a wife within one year.

The project — created, written and executive produced by Tim Long — will draw from his "own private dating humiliations," he said.

"I was fascinated by the idea of people who are relatively smart at most things in life but tragically inept at dating. This project is a love letter/apology to all the women I took on tragic dates."

Long, who has been with The Simpsons for 10 years, wrote Sunday's upcoming episode, a tie-in with the Sunday New York Times crossword puzzle. REUTERS

Fox drops axe on MadTV

CANCELLED Fox has canceled late-night sketch comedy veteran MadTV, one of its longest-running shows.

The Saturday-night mainstay's current 14th season will be its last on the network, Fox sources said. However, the show's co-creator, David Salzman, said he plans to shop MadTV to cable networks and other outlets.

"There's a long list of parties that have called us, including a few very recently, and we're going to start conversations with them very shortly," Salzman said.

Fox told Salzman the show had become too expensive considering its time period and ratings. Unlike dramas and comedies that suffer the broadcast ax, however, Salzman believes his show's budget can be scaled back to suit a cable network. REUTERS

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Lipstick Jungle, My Own Worst Enemy out

NBC has canceled its new spy thriller My Own Worst Enemy, a show it had promoted heavily during its Olympics telecasts in hopes that it would help revive the struggling networks lineup.

Also out is its female drama Lipstick Jungle, one of a number of new shows whose momentum was stalled by the Hollywood writers strike. REUTERS

Sci Fi signs on for Season 2 of Sanctuary

TV Sci Fi Channel has renewed Sanctuary for a second season, ordering 13 new hourlong episodes.

Sanctuary, the first TV series to use live-action actors against virtual sets, is set to go into production in Vancouver early next year for a 2009 premiere.

The show follows the adventures of Dr. Helen Magnus (Amanda Tapping), a brilliant scientist who holds the secrets of a clandestine population. More than 3 million viewers watched the Oct. 3 premiere, making it Sci Fi's highest-rated original series debut since Eureka in July 2006. REUTERS

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Mix of Six

WHAT'S HOT IN THE CITY THIS WEEKEND

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The Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage

The tale of romance, deception and a very long nose is adapted and directed by James Fagan Tait.

Nearly Famous Music Festival

Friday - Sunday
Venues across Vancouver

Seventy bands perform in 18 shows at 10 venues featuring the best indie, punk and rock.

Just for Laughs Comedy Tour

Friday, 7 p.m.
Centre for Performing Arts

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Vancouver Bach Choir and guests

Saturday, 8 p.m.
Orpheum Theatre

This epic concert marks the 90th Anniversary of the end of World War One.

21st Century Flea Market

Sunday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Croatian Cultural Centre

Once every two months, 175 different vendors from this European-style market sell goods on 185 tables.

Circle Craft Christmas Market

Friday - Sunday
Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre

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Something Pink
Signature Dish:
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Rating: ●●●●●
Dinner & drinks for 2:
$100+

The room is the first sign that this will not be a pedestrian dining experience. Several enormous chandeliers bathe the space with a golden glow, making you feel as if you're inside a rather ornate and upholstered sea shell.

The menu, at first glance, only gives hints of extraordinary adventures (the restaurant name refers to "voyages") like lamb tartare ($16) or sesame crusted frog "wings" ($15). The real discoveries come when you actually taste (and sip) the goods.

On the web

- Read the full article online at *metronews.ca/Vancouver/comment*.
- Chew more on Anya's blog at *metronews.ca/vancouver/blog/136310*.

Cheese puffs with spinach dip ($14) may not sound exciting, but they're impossible to resist and we ended up going through several refills out of pure greed.

Calamari stuffed with spicy Sicilian sausage ($14) and served with a black squid ink glaze is so inventive and comforting that it deserves to be elevated to a main.

A lovely lobster mousse terrine ($19) came with a garland of pea shoots and shaved radish, as well as a perfect warm-from-the-oven brioche.

Our party of three decided on one of the sharing platters ($28) for our main. This was a huge mound of braised beef and oxtail, slurpy tagliatelle noodles and side of steamed "Caesar" rapini ($5).

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Sicilian sausage stuffed into grilled calamari.

Worth repeating? God, yes.

A Pink Desert Rose

This drink comes courtesy of the talented Brian Grant, who works behind the wood at Voya with Jay Jones, and is a variation on their Something Pink.

Desert Rose

- ½ cup fresh watermelon
- 2 oz tequila
- ½ oz rose syrup
- ½ oz lime syrup
- ½ oz lime juice
- Splash of peach bitters

Muddle melon and syrup, add all ingredients, shake and double strain into chilled glass.

Dining out

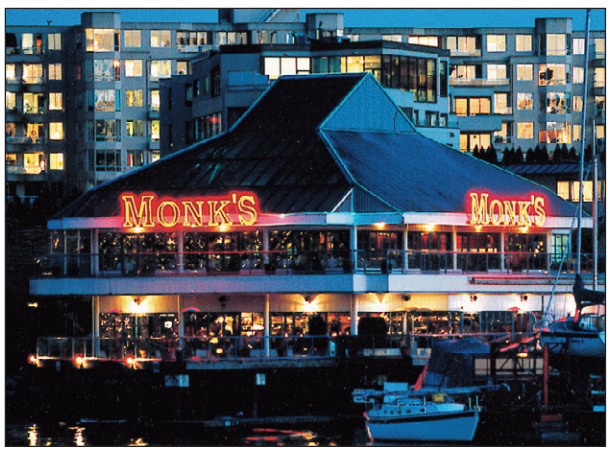
ALL MONTH LONG
Trattoria IK (1840 West 4 Ave.) is dishing out their seasonal three-course menu for $30 all throughout November. Enjoy roasted winter squash risotto, oven roasted Wetzel duck with toasted chestnuts, pan-seared wild salmon and tiramisu. Call 604-732-1441 for more information.

SPECIAL DINNER
On Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m., The Cannery Seafood Restaurant (2205 Commissioner St., Rmd) welcomes Red Rooster Winery owner Karen Gillis for a special five-course dinner celebrating their wines. Enjoy ahi tuna carpaccio, seared Baja scallops, duo of beef and a chocolate tower. $125 per person. Call 604-254-9606.

In brief

CHEF QUANG DANG of C Restaurant has taken top honours at the 1st Annual BC Sustainable Seafood Chowder Competition. Dang will work with Raincoast Trading Ltd to develop his winning recipe for national retail markets.

CHEF JAY BRAULT of Mon Bella Bistoria has hit the road, and new Chef Lauren Campbell has taken over with a completely redesigned menu.



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Wolf child
Former Party Of Five star Scott Wolf is expecting his first child. The actor and his wife Kelly are expecting a baby boy, he said. The couple did not reveal a due date. **IMDB.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Aniston all about honesty

PEOPLE Jennifer Aniston has played down scathing comments she made about actress Angelina Jolie in a recent interview, insisting she answered questions "as honestly" as she could, imdb.com reports.

The actress blasted Jolie as "uncool" in a candid chat with Vogue magazine, just weeks after her ex-husband Brad Pitt's partner revealed they fell in love on the set of 2005 movie Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

Aniston and Pitt split in 2005, after which Pitt set up home with Jolie, becoming a father to three adopted children, as well as having another three biological babies with her.

Aniston opened up again in an interview with talk-show host Oprah Winfrey, admitting she decided to finally pass comment on Jolie's behaviour because she wanted to be truthful.

When quizzed on the revelation by Winfrey on her show, which was scheduled to air yesterday, Aniston explains, "I basically just answered it (Jolie question) as honestly as I could."

But Aniston refused to bash her ex-partner, insisting she is proud of Pitt's achievements since they decided to divorce.

"He's done some amazing things."

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Miley stays mum on rumoured romance

RELATIONSHIP Teen star Miley Cyrus has vowed to keep her lips locked about her love life, insisting she's "thrown away the key" when quizzed about boyfriend Justin Gaston, imdb.com reports.

The 15-year-old Hannah Montana star has admitted to dating Gaston, five years her senior, as their relationship has heated up in recent months.

But Cyrus insists she has had enough of the relentless rumours about her love life, since her romance with singer Nick Jonas reportedly sparked a love rivalry with fellow teen star Selena Gomez earlier this year.

When asked about her boyfriend on Good Morning America, Cyrus hesitates: "Um, I'm going to keep that one zip-tight, locked and throw away the key."

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A-rod's affection makes Madonna all mushy

POET? Pop star Madonna and baseball star Alex Rodriguez are turning to mush over each other, PageSix.com reports.

Sources close to Madonna tell the Chicago Sun-Times she's so smitten with her rumoured Yankee lover, she told a friend, he "has the heart of a poet trapped inside an insanely gorgeous body." Rodriguez, meanwhile, has reportedly been writing "sweet, personal expressions of his feelings."

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Paris gets friendly with Harry's girl

FRIENDS Paris Hilton may have her sights set on a regal Best Friend Forever — she's hit it off with Prince Harry's girlfriend, imdb.com reports.

The hotel heiress met Chelsy Davy on a night out in London last month, and Hilton was reportedly enraptured with Davy.

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J. Lo wants one more child

BABY Jennifer Lopez is reportedly "trying to make one more baby" with husband Marc Anthony, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer/actress, who welcomed her first children, twins Max and Emme, into the world in February, is said to be trying to conceive again.

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Portman 'homeless'

HOME Natalie Portman is having "trouble" living at home with her parents again, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress, who recently moved back home, admits there are some aspects of returning to her childhood house that are causing issues. "I'm homeless at the moment so I am residing with my parents. It's rough. It was cool in the beginning because I got good meals and my laundry done but it turns into trouble," she is quoted as saying. It was recently revealed Portman and her boyfriend Devendra Banhart are no longer dating.

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Pregnancy follows Changeling role

KIDS Angelina Jolie's new film role as a desperate mom in Changeling helped leave her pregnant with twins, the actress confesses. Jolie said she became pregnant with Knox and Vivienne while shooting the movie, in which she plays real-life woman who fought the police when they mistook another boy for her missing son.

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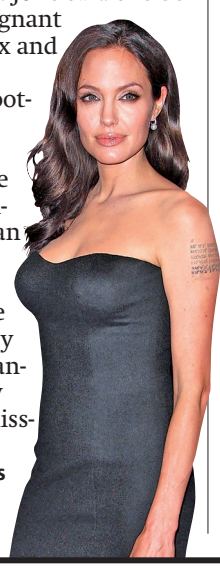

Kanye on search for Miss Right

MARRIAGE Kanye West is looking for Miss Right, People.com reports. ?? "I want to have kids," he says. "But I want to have the right girl too — someone who really cares about me." ??

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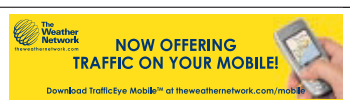

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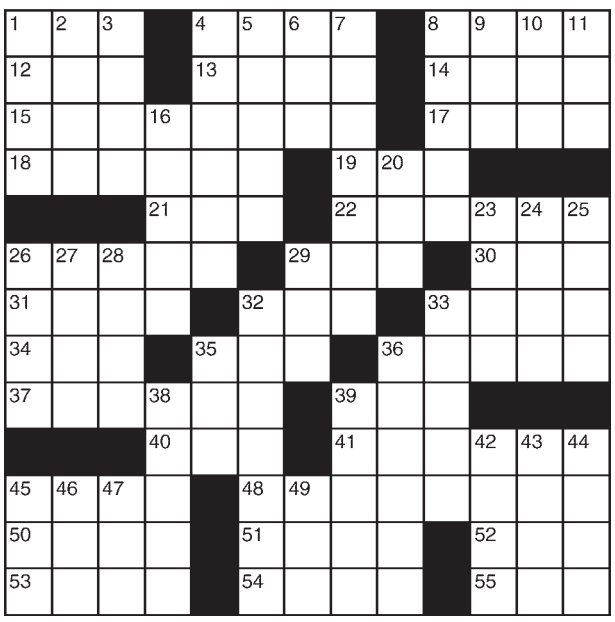

Crossword across

1 Swiffer ancestor
4 Surrounded by
8 Staff leader?
12 In days past
13 Loutish one
14 Groucho-esque look
15 Loyal
17 Unctuous
18 Foursome
19 Scatter seeds
21 Unfriendly
22 George Hamilton trademark
26 Oddball
29 Lustrous black
30 Greek vowel
31 Radius neighbor
32 Unopened rose
33 Pirates' beverage
34 Spelling contest
35 Mrs. Al Bundy
36 Ends a relationship with
37 Got real angry
39 Wire measure
40 9mm submachine gun
41 Fit for farming
45 Boston is one variety
48 Author of Old West novels
50 It takes the cake
51 Grand tale
52 Census statistic
53 Group of quail
54 Tidy
55 Pantheon member

Crossword down

1 Damon or Dillon
2 Shrek is one
3 Sulk
4 Monastery head's office
5 Like old bread
6 Debtor's letters
7 Clad
8 Circus favorite
9 Floral garland
10 Moray, for one
11 Sauté
16 "All My Children" role
20 Chic no longer
23 Expression
24 On
25 No Derby winners
26 Long sandwiches
27 Entreaty
28 From the start
29 Moonshine container
32 Adorn gaudily
33 Labor camp
35 Dispensable candy
36 Straightforward
38 Overly soft and liquid
39 Craze
42 Boast
43 Building-block name
44 Watched
45 Watch chain
46 Leading lady?
47 Gun the engine
49 Mimic

Sudoku

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